

Fact Sheet

Motorbike and Trail Bike Riding in Ipswich

Preserving green spaces

Ipswich is proud of the beautiful green spaces that are available for residents and visitors throughout the city, offering great places to visit and spaces to enjoy the outdoors. These outdoor spaces extend to include parks, local bushland reserves, national parks, conservation estates/parks and state forests where it is important to preserve the flora and fauna to ensure everyone can continue to enjoy these beautiful areas safely and without nuisance. Council works with other agencies, including the Police and the Department of National Parks Sports and Racing to manage local spaces.

As part of protecting these spaces for the enjoyment of all people **motorbike and trail bike riding is not permitted** in any of these areas, without approval. These activities disturb the peaceful enjoyment of these spaces and threatens the safety of park users and native wildlife while causing severe erosion and destroying the native flora. It is important to engage in this sport in permitted and lawfully available locations rather than parks or Council land.

Legislation – Local laws

All the parks and reserves in Ipswich are managed under *Local Law No. 7* which regulates the use of motor vehicles (including motorcycles) in parks and reserves. On the spot fines in excess of \$580 can be issued for offences against this legislation.

Be aware that Council Parks and Bushland areas are patrolled by Ipswich City Council Officers and Police. If you are detected riding a motorcycle or trail bike in parks or bushland areas you may be fined or prosecuted.

Legislation – State laws

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing provides the following information about Riding in State Forests, Forest Reserves, National Parks and Plantations. More detailed information can be found at [Npsr.qld.gov.au](https://npsr.qld.gov.au)

State forests, forest reserves, national parks and plantation forests are great locations for trail bike riding. They provide thousands of kilometers of roads to ride on, are located all around the state and have great scenery. The different land types are looked after by different Queensland Government agencies so each place has its own set of rules and requirements.

Some important rules are the same for all areas:

- **No unlicensed riders are allowed to ride bikes on any roads**
Only licensed riders are permitted on Queensland's roads, whether it is highways, local roads or roads running through State forests and national parks. Unlicensed riders are not allowed to ride their bikes on roads in national parks, State forests, forest reserves and plantation forests. Whether young or old it is dangerous to ride a motorbike or trail bike without a license. It is illegal for children to drive a vehicle, and is dangerous to them and others when on shared roads with vehicles such as four wheel drives and logging trucks.
- **No riding unregistered motorbikes**
All vehicles using Queensland roads must be registered, including trail bikes.
- **Obtaining approvals**
Before riding in any State forests, forest reserves or national parks it is essential to check if any approvals or permits are required. For more information on this please visit [Npsr.qld.gov.au/experiences/trail-bike-riding.html](https://npsr.qld.gov.au/experiences/trail-bike-riding.html)

What can council do?

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What can motorbike or trail riders do?

Ensure you have obtained the necessary permits and authorisations before you go riding. Trail bike riding is a fast and exciting sport, but without common sense, consideration and courtesy it can be dangerous and damaging to our natural environment and others. As a rider please consider the following each time you ride:

- Abide by road rules and other laws at all times
- If you are riding on private property ensure you obtain permission first
- Obey restrictions on public and council land
- Respect our native wildlife and other people
- Ensure you keep to the designated permitted tracks, as shortcutting causes erosion
- Place all rubbish in the designated bins provided, if none are provided then please take your rubbish home.

Recommendations for riders

Please find below a list of contacts that can assist you with finding an appropriate area to ride your motorbike or trail bike legally.

- Motorcycling Australia – MA.org.au
- Motorcycling Queensland – MQLD.org.au
- Queensland Moto Park – Qldmotopark.com.au
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing – Parks.des.qld.gov.au

